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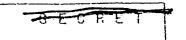
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RE: LINC 4270 (IN 21580)

## 1. FOR YOUR GUIDANCE:

- A. PLAN ALPHA: MATAMOROS STRIKE 25 JUNE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ANSWER TO WHETHER THIS PLAN SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND HOW.
- B. PLAN BETA: IF CONCLUSION ON ALPHA NEGATIVE AND A
  PRESENT COMBAT ENGAGEMENT STALLED THEN BETA MUST BE IMPLEMENTED
  MAXIMUM ABILITY.
- G. PRESENT COMBAT: CIRCUMSTANCES PRECLUDE FULL SUPPORT PRESENT ENGAGEMENT BEYOND 2400 JUNE 25 UNLESS FAVORABLE DECISION IS ATTAINABLE WITHIN 24 HOURS THEREAFTER OR 2400 JUNE 26. IF CALCULATION ALL FACTORS RESULTS IN NEGATIVE CONCLUSION THEN IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALPHA OR BETA MUST BE UNDERTAKEN. ALPHA WOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE IN ANY EVENT IF CONSIDERED FAVORABLY AFTER BOMB STRIKE 25 JUNE.
- 2. FOREGOING PLANNING IS PREDICATED ON BASIS OF ATTEMPTING TO CONCLUDE OPERATION DECISIVELY IF POSSIBLE WITHIN TIME REMAINING



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BEFORE CEASE FIRE OR IF NOT TO ATTAIN MAXIMUM ADVANTAGES DURING
THIS PERIOD. CESSATION HOSTILITIES UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS WOULD
LEAVE SYNCARP LANDLOCKED AND UNTENABLE LOGISTICALLY. CONTROL
OF BOND AT MINIMUM WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT LOGISTICAL BASE.

3. ODYOKE IS EXERCISING EVERY EFFORT TO GUIDE DIPLOMATIC PROCEDURES TO ITS ADVANTAGE HOWEVER SITUATION IS NEITHER CONTROL-ABLE OR PREDICTABLE. BEST ESTIMATE PROVIDES ABOUT 72 HOURS OF UNMOLESTED OPERATIONS WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR URGENCY IN PRESSING FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE VICTORY OR BEST ADVANTAGES POSSIBLE. TAKE WE ACTION RE DIPLOMATIC TEAMS UNTIL FURTHER WORD, ALTHOUGH CONTINUE TO THINK OF THIS CONTINGENCY AS PER YOUR SHERWOOD 386 (IN 21980).

4. NEED YOUR VIEWS SOONEST RE FOREGOING.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: COL. KING, WH, NOTIFIED OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AT 0630 25 JUNE 54.